

ONEIDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
December 23, 2014

Members present: Ms. Carol Pederson, Mr. Mitchell Ives, and Mr. Alan VanRaalte

Absent: Mr. Bob Metropulos and Mr. Bill Freudenberg

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Beth Hoerchler, Ms. Jennifer Lueneburg, and Ms. Heidi Brown

Guests: Ms. Lisa Charbarneau, Human Resource Director, Ms. Tamara Feest, Human Service Center, Ms. Lynn Probst, Human Service Center, Ms. Dianne Jacobson, Department on Aging Director, and Mr. Jonathan Anderson, Lakeland Times.

1. Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:

The regular meeting of the Oneida County Social Services Committee was brought to order at 9:00 a.m. by Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson. The Chairperson noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Mitchell Ives to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – November 25, 2014:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Mitchell Ives to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of November 25, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Family Care Expansion Update-Fiscal Impacts:

There currently is no official date on when Family Care will be coming to Oneida County, but it will eventually come to Oneida County. The Social Services Committee is designated as the Family Care Committee for Oneida County. Family Care will serve the same target population for Oneida County that the Long Term Support/Waiver programs currently serve. Currently, through the Long Term Support program the agency receives full funding for every dollar spent on the programs. Family Care is administered through a managed care model, receiving a per member, per month reimbursement for customers enrolled in Family Care. The current Long Term Support program could have a waitlist for clients eligible, but under Family Care there cannot be a waitlist. The Department of Social Services historically has not had waitlists for the Waiver programs. The agency's main concern is that there is a smooth transition for clients when Family Care does come to the area.

Ms. Mary Rideout presented how the agency's 2015 budget would be impacted if Family Care had come to Oneida County in 2015. The majority of funding received pays for direct services provided to clients, but cutting all Long Term Support programs from the budget would eliminate 4.6 FTEs from the agency. The funding received also helps

pay for our Agency Management, Support, and Overhead costs. These are costs that the agency will still need to incur even if the agency is no longer running the Long Term Support Programs. This is where the loss of revenues really impacts the budget. The estimate done for 2015 would require \$232,179 in additional County Tax levy to maintain the 2015 Budget as approved or require additional budget cuts within the agency.

5. Fee Related to Guardianships and Protective Placement Actions:

Counties have the ability to charge a person for service fees associated with Guardianships and Protective Placements if they have the ability to pay. Currently, Dane County has an ordinance in place that allows them to collect fees for services provided for Protective Placements and Guardianships. The agency has looked into the services provided to individuals in 2013 and 2014 and estimates that less than 10% of those individuals would have an ability to pay. Using Dane County's fee schedule, it is estimated that the agency would be able to bill for approximately \$2,600.00 in services a year. Ms. Mary Rideout feels that since guardianship is involved, the agency would be able to receive payment for most, if not all the fees billed.

The agency will have to set up procedures on how to determine if a client is financially able to pay, set up a fee schedule of the costs to perform the services, and obtain legal assistance from Corporation Counsel. The court can find that fees are inequitable based on 5 factors found in SS 45.46 (3)(a), and then fees could not be charged.

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Mitchell Ives to direct the Director to continue with the process of fees related to Guardianships and Protective Placement actions and to provide the committee with an update by June 2015 with a potential implementation date of January 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 2015 Blanket Purchase Orders:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Ms. Carol Pederson to approve the 2015 Blanket Purchase Orders. Motion carried unanimously.

7. 2015 Meeting Schedule:

Meetings will continue to be the 4th Tuesday of every month for 2015.

8. 2014 Financial/Statistical/Flex Time Report:

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical/Flex Time Reports. It is projected that the agency will have a return of approximately \$600,000 for the year. Motion made by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Mitchell Ives, to approve the 2014 Financial/Statistical/Flex Time reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:

The bills and Line Item Transfers were reviewed by the committee. Motion made by Mr. Mitchell Ives, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to approve the bills and Line Item Transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. The Committee may consider a motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to section 19.85(1) (c) Wis Stats., to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of an Oneida County employee. (Topic: Social Worker Compensation)

Motion made by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Mitchell Ives to move into Closed Executive Session at 9:55 a.m. Roll call vote: Mr. Alan VanRaalte, aye; Ms. Carol Pederson, aye; Mr. Mitchell Ives, aye. The committee moved into Closed Executive Session.

Discussion held in Closed Session.

Motion made by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Mitchell Ives to move into Open Session at 10:05 a.m. Roll call vote: Mr. Alan VanRaalte, aye; Ms. Carol Pederson, aye; Mr. Mitchell Ives, aye. The committee moved into Open Session.

11. Announcement of action taken in closed session, if any:

It was announced that in closed session a motion was made by Mr. Mitchell Ives, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to forward to the Labor Relations and Employee Services Committee the recommended wage adjustments for specific Social Work Staff within the department of Social Services.

12. Agency Items for the January 27, 2015 meeting:

Secured Detention/Corrections

13. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Ms. Carol Pederson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room 1, Second Floor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alan VanRaalte

Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson

Date: January 27, 2015